GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA

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HEPATITIS-B VACCINATION IN SAIL
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the Hepatitis-B is a fatal disease;

(b) if so, whether the expenditure incurred by the employees of the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) and their family members (dependents) on the vaccination of the above disease is reimbursed;

(c) if not, since when and the reasons for imposing restrictions on the above vaccination to prevent the fatal disease;

(d) the persons responsible for not launching vaccination programme despite the concern of the Government and the action proposed to be taken by the Government against these persons; and

(e) the reasons for which the Government did not allow the employees to get themselves vaccinated in the hospitals empanelled?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(a) Yes, Sir. Hepatitis-B is a major disease and a serious public health problem.

(b)&(c): Administration of Hepatitis-B is not included in the routine immunization applicable to SAIL employees and their dependents and hence expenditure in this connection is not reimbursed in SAIL. However, reimbursement is permissible in cases categorised as `high risk in nature`.

(d)&(e): Universal Immunization Programme is decided and implemented on directions of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. No instructions to this effect have been received from the Ministry of Health to include Hepatitis B as part of the Universal Immunization Programme.